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Happy Holidays to All

It's that time of year, again, when our thoughts turn to celebration and reflection. All of this is both doubly hard and yet important when we think about the year we all had in the EPA and State Drinking Water Programs.

So first – let's celebrate the achievements of our collective hard work. We all know about the thousands of drinking water systems that continue to meet regulated standards, despite great resource and technical demands. But we also need to applaud the extra work done last year by states and utilities to meet new challenges from emerging contaminants like PFOA/PFOS and chlorates. Through it all we continued to coordinate and make strides in core work like primacy and source water protection and even the ETT, and still have time to think about resilience.

On reflection - EPA and the states have our specific roles to play. For me., last year, showed the “beauty “ of how well we work together for a common good, within the R1 DW unit, within all Region 1 programs, and most importantly with our key partners at the NE states. Clearly such continued collaboration have served us all well in whatever efforts we pursued, and will continue to guide us through this year and beyond.

As they say in the songs and movies- “HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ONE AND ALL”

Be safe, be happy, and be ready for another wonderful New Year - It will be “A Beautiful Thing”

Cheers

Jane and Denise